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President's Message

The ACA Executive Committee members wish to express our hope that the 1995-96 academic year will be a productive one and that the Alabama Two-Year College System will continue to provide quality services to our students. May we each commit ourselves to teaching excellence. As we begin a new academic year, it is my hope that you will keep ACA and our annual convention among your priorities. ACA continues to be only as strong as the efforts of its membership, and each of you is important in the ongoing work of the Association.

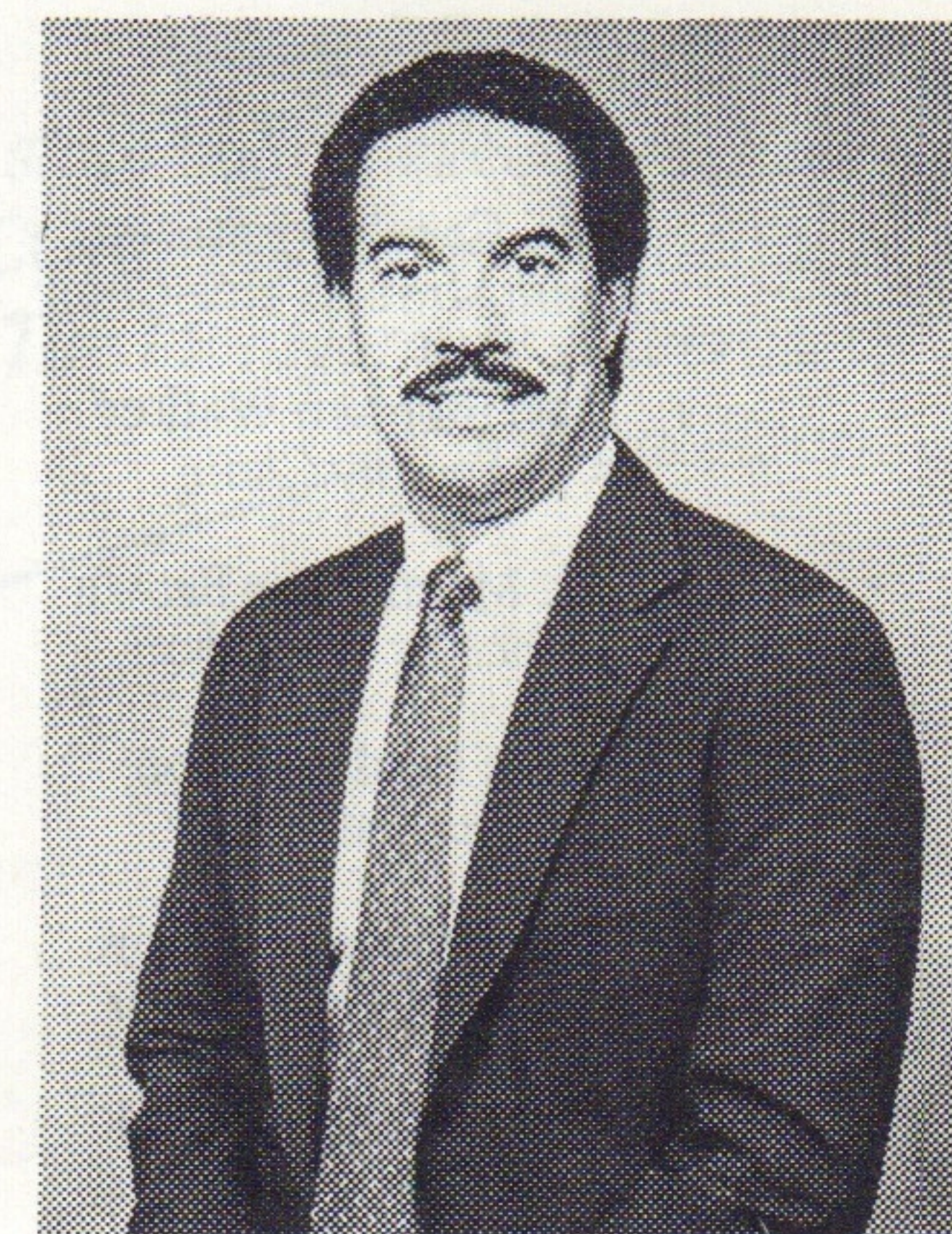
The theme for this year's convention will be "The Alabama College System: Changing for the Future." We will return to Birmingham on November 19-21. We will be located at the Sheraton Civic Center Hotel. Our keynote speakers this year are Dr. John Roueche, Sid W. Richardson Regents Chair, Community College Leadership Program, The University of Texas at Austin; and Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, president, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio. These are two of the finest, nationally recognized speakers in higher education regarding the current state of community, junior, and technical colleges and their ability to prepare students for the future.

As you read this edition of the *Journal*, you will find a great deal of information about the upcoming convention to be held in Birmingham. The convention format has been rearranged by the Executive Committee in an effort to streamline the use of time and to provide you a meaningful professional experience. Administrators, faculty and staff members from your campus and other campuses across the state have been busy planning interesting and informative workshops. Registration for the 1995 ACA Convention can be done early by mail or phone (see registration form). Please note that the first 500 registrants are eligible for a gas grill that will be given away during the first general session. Registration also will be done on site on Sunday, November 19, and Monday, November 20. There will be a Chancellor's Awards Ceremony-Reception on Sunday, November 19 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., which will be open to everyone.

The First General Session is scheduled for Monday, November 20, to begin at 9:00 a.m. Dr. John Roueche will deliver the keynote address for this session, which will be followed by commission meetings, interest group sessions I & II, and an evening ACA banquet from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Our honored guests at this banquet will be members of the State Board of Education, Chancellor Gainous, and other individuals who contribute significantly to the life and work of the two-year college system. Those to be honored during the banquet will include recently retired presidents of the System and the four outstanding Chancellor's Awards recipients. The Second General Session on Tuesday will open with a keynote address by Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton, followed by our Association Business Meeting. Please note that you must be in attendance at the General Sessions to be eligible for any of the "vacation door packages and other prizes."

You can support ACA by your presence and participation at the annual convention. We all recognize the fact that budgets have been tight and will probably continue to be. However, our viability as a professional association is contingent upon the concern and active participation of all our membership.

The Executive Committee, the Interest Group Chairs, and the Chancellor's Office staff have worked diligently to ensure the best convention for all two-year college employees. I look forward to seeing you there.



Dr. Jorge Kuzmicic

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1995 ACA Convention At a Glance

"The Alabama College System: Changing for the Future"

Sunday: (November 19, 1995)

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

1:00 - 2:45 p.m.

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Monday: (November 20, 1995)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

1:45 - 3:00 p.m.

3:00 - 3:15 p.m.

3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Tuesday: (November 21, 1995)

9:00 - 10:45 a.m.

10:45 - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

12:00

Registration

Related Professional Meetings

* Alabama Vocational

Association/Postsecondary

* Health Occupations Students of America

* National Association of Academic Affairs Administrators

* Alabama Human Resources Officers

Chancellor's Awards Ceremony

(open to everyone -

finger foods; college student entertainment)

Dinner on your own

Registration

First General Session

(Dr. John Roueche —
Keynote Address)

BREAK

Commission Meetings/Elections

LUNCH (on your own)

Interest Groups - Session I

BREAK

Interest Groups - Session II

Free Time

ACA Awards Banquet (open to everyone; college student entertainment)

Dance - Chevy Six

Second General Session

(Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton —
Keynote Address)

BREAK

Third General Session/Business Meeting

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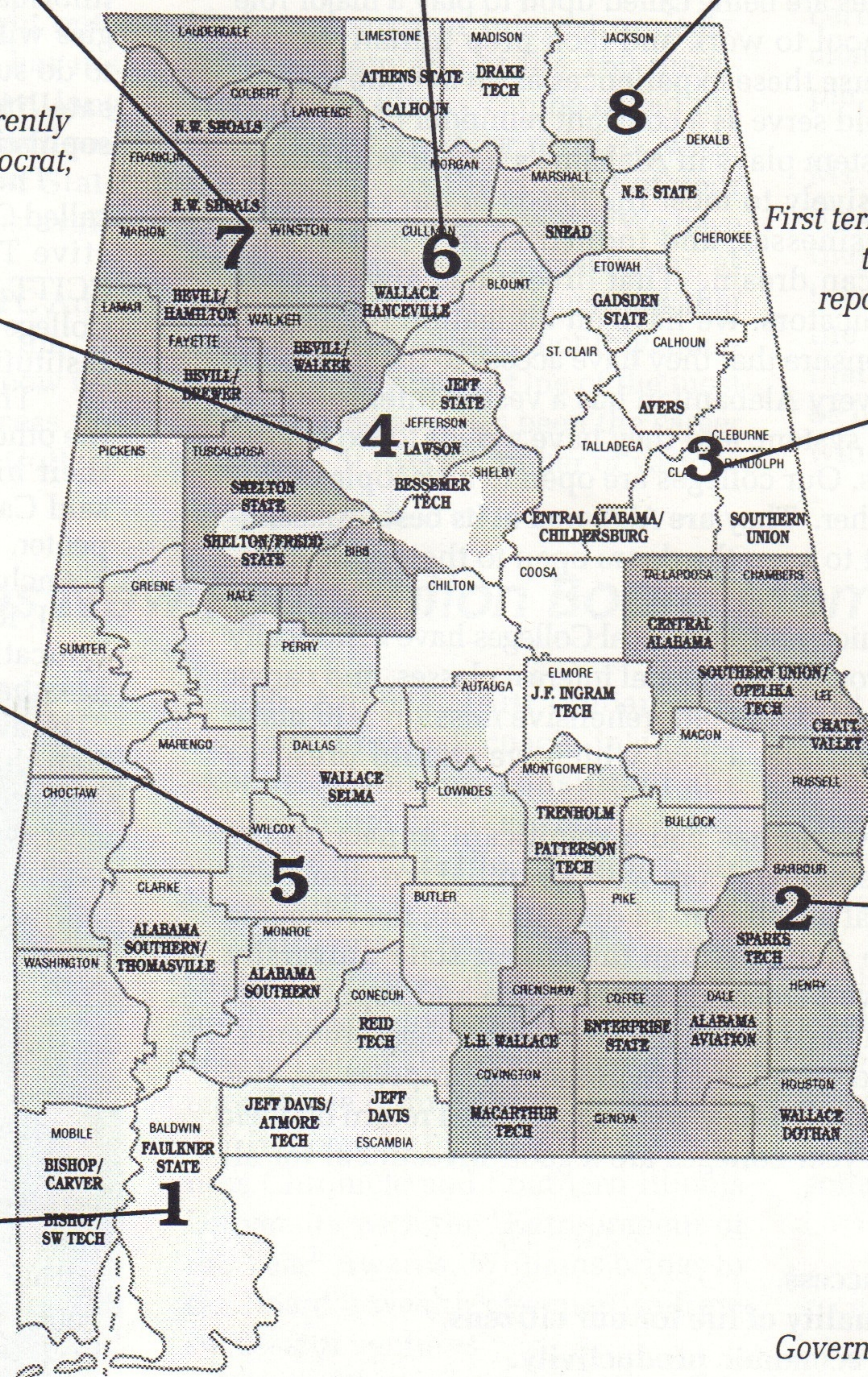
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Governor serves as ex officio president of board; second term as governor; Republican; promises to make education number one priority.

Dr. Fred Gainous

Chancellor
Alabama College System



Message from the Chancellor

The colleges in the Alabama College System are increasingly aware that, due to budgetary restraints, they will have to undertake more and more fundamental changes in the next decade than at any time in the past quarter century. Our limited funding could restrict the ability of the state's Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges to continue to serve the education and training needs of our citizens. Our colleges currently face some of the most difficult challenges in their history. Increases in student enrollment, diversity, and under-preparedness combined with decreasing budgets and heavy workloads will create a tremendous burden for our faculty, staff and administrators.

At a time when our colleges are being called upon to play a major role in work force retraining, school to work and tech prep initiatives, the success of our students who use these experiences as an avenue to finding the American dream should serve as a constant reminder of the value that the Alabama College System plays in Alabama's higher education.

Our colleges exist exclusively to meet the needs of our communities. We serve students, businesses, and industries in a partnership which promotes the American dream. That dream has always been fueled by education. As educators, we have an obligation to our students, present and future, to ensure that they have access to the means for their advancement in life. Every Alabamian has a vested interest in the existence and success of this system, and they have a right to expect the best of our collective abilities. Our colleges are open to all people of this state. They bring people together. **They are Alabama at its best.** Alabamians should make every effort to keep the doors open to their educational opportunities.

Alabama Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges have historically been places where transfer programs, personal interest classes, and career training courses have coexisted. Our comprehensive mission is to make higher education more accessible, a goal which we should preserve despite funding cuts.

The Alabama College System has had a significant impact on the state of Alabama since it opened its doors with an initial enrollment of 9,487. Today, with an annual enrollment of over 100,000, the Alabama College System serves more students than the largest state university systems combined. Sixty-five percent of all freshmen and sophomores enrolled in higher education in Alabama are two-year college students.

Although these profound enrollment increases are impressive, students would not continue to enroll if they were not getting a return on their investment. Alabama's two-year colleges are a good investment for all Alabamians.

An investment in student success.

An investment in a better quality of life for our citizens.

An investment in statewide economic productivity.

We have much to celebrate! Public two-year colleges are an investment in the future of Alabama.

Calhoun to Share in \$695,000 NSF Grant

Calhoun Community College is part of a coalition of 12 community colleges from across the country, each affiliated with a local center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), to receive an award for \$695,000 from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The grant will provide faculty enhancement workshops in three advanced technologies: image processing, remote sensing, and geographic information systems. The technologies will enable faculty and students to do such things as collect data from satellites, then analyze the data on sophisticated computer software.

The consortium of colleges is called Community Colleges for Innovative Technology Transfer, Inc. or CCITT. Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland, is the lead institution in this endeavor.

"This grant allows Calhoun and the other colleges involved to build on their history of prior collaboration," said Calhoun President Richard Carpenter. "Calhoun is indeed fortunate to be included as a part of this initiative."

J. R. Pruitt, acting director for the Education Programs Office at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, noted, "The awarding of this grant is recognition that community colleges are an important link in the science and engineering workforce pipeline. I applaud Calhoun's role in this coalition."

Other CCITT colleges participating include Broward Community College in Florida; Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio; Foothill College in California; Pasadena City College in California; Pearl River Community College in Mississippi; Thomas Nelson Community College in Virginia; and Houston-Texas based Consortium for Aeronautical Technical Education consisting of San Jacinto Community College, College of the Mainland, Alvin College, and Lee College.

"NASA headquarters and the local centers view this award as an opportunity to share NASA expertise and resources to strengthen community colleges across the country," said Frank Owens, director of the Education Division at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Faulkner State Library Becomes More Accessible

Barbara Moseley, head librarian at Faulkner State, has seen lots of changes. Gone is the familiar card catalogue. In its place sits a bank of computer terminals with wires, screens, and printers. All commonplace to most teenagers, but for some "older" students, it can be a little intimidating. However, Ms. Moseley is not about to let students become lazy and complacent about how to find things in the library. By keeping her finger on the pulse of technology, she has brought the FSCC library right onto the information highway. It has not been without some difficulty, long days and nights, and a devotion to seeing that students at Faulkner State have the best library services available.

By using software called PC Anywhere and the right password, the citizens of Baldwin County may now use their home computers to access the Faulkner State Community College

library databases.

Ms. Moseley has been working on computerizing the library since 1985. "One project was to build a network that would tie our libraries together around the country. This would not only allow our students to use other libraries, but it would allow library patrons access to information that we have here," said Ms. Moseley.

Libraries across the country have already connected to the FSCC network. This allows for greater flexibility for research or interest projects. Articles from any of the 160 magazines in the library can be called up, downloaded, read, or printed, without ever leaving the comfort of your home and computer screen. "We have databases concerning social issues, as well as government publications that are updated on either a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis. One of the most popular programs has been the career database. It lists a number of various

careers, the nature of the work, current trends, advice within those career fields, and average salaries," said Ms. Moseley.

The CD-ROM database program has been six years in the making and started in-house. Later, a co-op program with the public libraries was developed. The Baldwin County Commission supplied two microwave links for the FSCC Library to communicate with the public libraries. The only drawback as far as the public is concerned is the fact that a long-distance charge may be involved for some people.

As far as what the future holds, Ms. Moseley sees the popularity of these programs growing. So much so that there might be a need for additional phone lines. Her hope is that the system might be worked out so that no long distance charges would be involved from any location in Baldwin County.

LSCC Welcomes New Foundation Board Member



Arthur L. Williams, Jr.

Mr. Arthur L. (Art) Williams, Jr., successful football coach, insurance executive, author, consultant and motivational speaker, is the latest member to join the Lawson State Foundation.

Williams, a native of Waycross, Georgia, who grew up in nearby Cairo, holds a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and a master's degree from Auburn University.

Honored by both the Atlanta Business Chronicle and Southern Illinois University with the "Entrepreneur of the Year" Awards, Williams brings to the Board a wealth of expertise from successful ventures.

In 1973, as newcomer to the business, Williams founded A. L. Williams

and Associates in Atlanta, Georgia, and under his leadership his company became one of the fastest growing companies in modern business history, ranking the largest seller of individual life insurance in the U.S.

Dynamic public speaker and author, Williams' published three books: *Common Sense: Pushing up People, All You Can Do Is All You Can Do, But All You Can Do Is Enough*, have established him as an authority on personal motivation and individual success.

Williams now pursues his most recent interest, the Birmingham Barracudas, a new team of the Canadian Football League, located in Birmingham.

Reid State Retention Model and Student Outcomes Assessment Related to Student Affairs Programs

Retention is one of the new buzzwords in postsecondary education throughout the country. Community and technical colleges today are challenged by maintaining the commitment to open access with a shrinking pool of resources. Increased pressures for accountability in higher education demand that two-year colleges retain to completion a greater number of their students. Consequently, a **model retention program** was developed by Reid State Technical College in response to a charge from the Statewide Retention Committee, appointed by Chancellor Fred Gainous. The charge focused on creating and maintaining an atmosphere in The Alabama College System's 32 colleges conducive to retaining students until graduation. The statewide retention model was piloted at eight colleges in the System.

As the Statewide Committee's literature review revealed, and as indicated through internal assessments and professional experience, student attrition in two-year colleges presents some unique and complex challenges. Students drop out for many reasons; however, among two-year colleges there are several common elements. For example, two-year colleges attract many "non-traditional" students who must attempt to balance work and school, and a number of students experience academic difficulty and find inadequate support within the institution to address college life adjustments, or their financial resources are inadequate to support their educational endeavors.

Utilizing this perspective, the overall purpose of Reid State Technical College's retention program was to implement strategies that will be effective in retaining identified and enrolled at-risk students until graduation. Reid

State experienced a 134% increase in head count enrollment over the last four years. As a result, the administration, faculty, and staff at RSTC recognized the importance of creating and maintaining a student-friendly environment that is conducive to meeting the needs and demands of an increasingly diverse student body.

The retention model consisted of pre-enrollment, entry, enrollment, and post-enrollment strategies with emphasis placed on early identification of students who were at risk of dropping out, implementing an early warning system, identifying, developing, and utilizing campus resources, recruiting for retention, and evaluating outcomes. Primary objectives of the retention model emphasized decreasing the number of students who drop out each quarter; decreasing the number of undeclared majors; improving the positive interaction between students and all college personnel; increasing the completion rates of enrolled students; and increasing placement of graduates.

One of the most successful strategies to achieve these objectives has been implementation of an early warning system to identify and contact students who were at risk of dropping out because of absences, financial difficulty, personal problems, or other reasons. Additionally, recruitment strategies were enhanced through the development of a computerized recruitment module to track students from inquiry to admission; the orientation program and academic advising activities were completely redesigned. Finally, the entire model was developed around an evaluation and assessment process which utilized student surveys which were developed as part of the statewide model. Initial implementation results are promising and

demonstrate the success of the strategies undertaken so far.

Finally, community colleges are increasingly becoming more cognizant of the need to provide quality educational experiences for their students, which includes both formal academic learning and personal development outcomes. Therefore, Student Affairs professionals at Reid State are developing a **model for assessing student developmental outcomes related to Student Affairs programs and services**. The model will include conceptualization of outcomes based on Chickering's vectors and will be appropriate for use at the institutional or departmental level.

A proactive, planned approach to Student Affairs programming focusing on the intentional holistic personal development of the student begins with a needs assessment. This approach will ensure that programs are redesigned or developed to address student developmental needs. Specific components of the model will include the identification of Student Affairs mission and goals, specific student outcomes, identification of curricular and co-curricular resources, assessment, and evaluation.

Both models have been accepted for presentation at national conferences.

Northwest-Shoals' Susan Miller is Scholarship Recipient

Susan L. Miller, a recent graduate of Northwest-Shoals Community College, has been selected a 1996 Guistwhite Scholar in the competition sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa, international academic honor society for two-year college students.

Miller will receive a \$5,000 Guistwhite Scholarship, disbursed over a two-year period, to fund her baccalaureate studies. She expects to transfer to Auburn University and pursue degrees in Business Management and Communications.

Miller, 20, received the Associate of Science degree, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. While at Northwest-Shoals, she received the President's Cup Award, the Outstanding

Business Student Award, and the Outstanding Achievement Award for GPA.

An officer of her Phi Theta Kappa chapter, Alpha Sigma Beta, Miller also served as yearbook editor. She was a volunteer tutor, and active in community efforts to promote children's interests, including safety and drug and alcohol awareness efforts. Ten Guistwhite Scholars are selected annually by an independent panel of judges. More than 350 students applied for the 1995 scholarships. The program honors the contributions of Dr. Jack Guistwhite, who established the first senior institution transfer scholarship exclusively for Phi Theta Kappa members, and his wife, Margaret.



Articulation Between AATC and Southern Illinois University

Kent Humphreys, who will graduate from Alabama Aviation & Technical College (AATC) this month with an associate's degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology, plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology in the College of Engineering at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC), Illinois. According to Kent, "SIUC is going to accept all of my AATC college credits. I'll be able to complete the bachelor of science degree requirements within two academic years." His goals are to go into a co-op program with GE Aircraft Engines, so that he can graduate from SIUC with a year of professional engineering experience, and then to get a job with McDonnell Douglas.

AATC plans to develop a formal articulation agreement with SIUC and with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.



Pictured (L to R): Ms. Rachel Trapp, Phi Theta Kappa Advisor; Ms. Susan Miller, Scholarship Recipient; and NW-SCC President, Dr. Larry McCoy

Small Business Incubator to be Housed at Calhoun's Huntsville Campus

On Wednesday, August 23, Calhoun Community College President Richard Carpenter; Huntsville Mayor Steve Hettinger; Larry Waller, president of the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce; and Tom Woodall of Public Systems, Inc.; jointly made an announcement which will have a far-reaching, long-term impact on the economic growth of Huntsville and Madison County. The group revealed plans for the establishment of the Huntsville Small Business Incubator, to be housed at Calhoun's new Huntsville campus building in Cummings Research Park.

According to Woodall, chairman of the Business Incubator Planning Team, a major part of the announce-

ment was the release of results of a recently-completed, independent feasibility study conducted by Stacey and Associates Marketing and Management Consultants of Mobile. The study, which was funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), found that the Huntsville/Madison County area possesses the key indicators of overall economic strength sufficient for the operation of a successful incubator program.

The development of the business incubator is part of an integrated strategy for economic development and diversification in the Huntsville/Madison community. It addresses one of

the issues included in the report of the Huntsville Economic Diversification Council (HEDC) released earlier this year — a plan which the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce has been charged with implementing.

Commenting on the initiative, Dr. Carpenter said, "From the beginning, the business incubator has been, not solely a Calhoun project, but a Huntsville project. This project is a partnership among many individuals and organizations in this community committed to continuing our economic growth and Calhoun is delighted to be part of this effort."

Shelton's President Receives Resolution from Alabama Legislature

Tuscaloosa's legislative delegation recently presented Shelton State President Tom Umphrey with a resolution from the Alabama Legislature in recognition of a statewide honor Umphrey received earlier this year.

In March, Umphrey received the 1995 Distinguished Leadership Award for Two-Year Colleges. The award is given annually to one of Alabama's two-year college presidents by the Association of Alabama College Administrators and the Alabama Association of Women in Education.

Umphrey received the Distinguished Leadership Award in recognition of Shelton's accomplishments over the past several years. In 1992, Shelton State became the first two-

year college in the state to move from the quarter to the semester system, enabling the college to better serve its student body.

In 1994, Shelton State made a commitment to the principles of total quality management at the college, began construction of its new campus, successfully completed the merger between Shelton and C. A. Fredd State Technical College, and received an unconditional reaffirmation of its accreditation status and approval of the merger by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Umphrey has been at Shelton State since 1980 and was executive vice president and dean of special programs before being named president in 1988.



DR. THOMAS E. UMPHREY

Wallace College - Dothan Radiography Students Win Competition

Wallace College Radiography Medical Technology students and faculty recently competed at the 48th Annual Convention of the Alabama Society for Radiologic Technologists in Montgomery and received the following awards: Sheri Hendley, Michael Boothe, Jason Grantham, and Angie Stafford won the Student Bowl competition. The Student Bowl team has won the state competition three out of four years. Instructor Joseph Caffee has been the team coach for the last four years.

Second-year student Sheri Hendley received the Outstanding Radiography Student award.

Greg Grimsley, clinical coordinator and instructor for the program, brought home the first place award in the Technologist Division for film exhibits.

In the student division for film exhibits, Jennifer Boswell and Jamie Craft, first-year students, won first place; Lillie Geer, Michele Ellis, and Pam Moore, also first-year students, won second place; and Kim Brown and Robert Palmer, sec-



Pictured (front row, L to R) Sheri Hendley, Angie Stafford; (back row) Bates Gilmore, Program Director, Jason Grantham, Michael Boothe, Joseph Caffee, Instructor.

ond-year students, won third place.

Bates Gilmore, program director and immediate past president of the Alabama Society for Radiologic Technologists, was elected to serve as the Executive Board Member for the upcoming year.

Bevill State Nursing Program Forms Partnership with Local Housing Authority

An association between the Bevill State Community College Nursing Program and the Jasper Housing Authority is providing a rewarding experience for all participants.

Beginning with the summer session, students in the Practical Nursing Program at Bevill's Walker campus began volunteer clinical rotations at the Jasper Housing Authority. These rotations have included health screenings, dietary counseling, companionship and nurturing, and age-specific developmental activities.

According to Alice Roberts, assistant dean of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences at Bevill State, the association has shown early dividends for both the students and the residents.

"It has been a wonderful situation for all involved," she said. "The students are realizing very practical forms of health care and the residents are benefiting from both the health screenings and social aspects of interaction related with the program."

Early indications have pointed to the success of the volunteer program for both the students and the residents. In fact, benefits of the program have surpassed the initial expectations of promoting better health care within the community.

Mavis Blackburn Adams, executive director at the Jasper Housing Authority, said the presence of the students has provided a positive situation for the youth of the area.

"As a whole, we hoped the program would improve the quality of life for the community. I believe that is what is being accomplished," Ms. Adams said. "In addition to the focus on health care, the presence of the students as role models for the younger kids has been a very positive benefit."

Yet another advantage for the students has been the unique opportunity to gain practical experiences outside the hospital environment.

Trenholm State Awarded Grant From U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Trenholm State Technical College was recently awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Health Professions in excess of \$500,000 to implement a health careers opportunity program (HCOP).

The three-year project is designed to address the problems of underrepresentation of minorities in the allied health professions. The grant funds will be used to increase access of minorities in five of the associate degree-granting allied health programs at Trenholm State. These programs are dental assisting, dental laboratory technology, medical records technology, medical assisting, and emergency medical technology.

Trenholm State is a historically black, public, two-year college serving south central Alabama, including portions of several poverty-stricken black-belt counties. The region faces shortages of allied health technicians at all levels

of training. Also, past history of students enrolling in the college's allied health programs indicates that many disadvantaged students do not get accepted for enrollment because of basic academic deficiencies. Many others drop out for various academic and non-academic reasons.

The program is designed to: (1) identify, recruit, and select a minimum of 30 individuals; (2) to offer preliminary education prior to entry in an allied health program; (3) to enhance competitiveness of at least 60 disadvantaged students for admission to one of the five allied programs; (4) to help at least 40 disadvantaged students, who have been accepted or are enrolled in one of the five allied health programs to complete their education within a specified two-year period; and (5) information will be distributed to at least 100 disadvantaged participants about the availability of financial aid.

Drake Welcomes New Tech Prep Partner

J. F. Drake State Technical College, the fiscal agent for the Huntsville/Madison County Tech Prep Consortium, is pleased to welcome Scottsboro City Schools as the newest member of the Consortium.

Scottsboro City Schools joins the Huntsville City and Madison County Schools as the secondary level partners with Drake in Tech Prep. Drake State's faculty works closely with secondary educators in developing educational programs for Tech Prep students. Most recently, college faculty planned a series of activities designed to smoothly integrate Scottsboro City Schools into the consortium and assist in expanding and improving their Tech Prep Program.

In the three years that Drake State has been involved with Tech Prep there have been articulation agreements developed in six programs: Accounting Technology, Computer Information Systems, Drafting & Design Technology, Electronics Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Secretarial/Clerical

Technology.

This year, Career Resource Centers are being established at the college and all of the high schools in the Consortium. Computers, career guidance software, a video library on "Careers of the 21st Century," and TV/VCR's are being purchased by the college for distribution within the Consortium. Soon, students can develop career plans early in high school and refine or revise those plans as they mature using the tools available in the Career Resource Centers. Furthermore, Tech Prep articulation agreements are currently being established for four additional programs.

Future plans for the Tech Prep Consortium include joint secondary/post-secondary staff development workshops, expanded articulation, continued development of a common career guidance program, and expanded modernization of equipment and instructional materials.

Daniel Selected LBW's Top Instructor for 1995



DR. MIKE DANIEL

Dr. Mike Daniel was recently selected by the student body at Lurleen B. Wallace College's Most Outstanding Instructor.

Daniel, who currently serves as chairman of

the College's Social Science Division and as Instructional Coordinator, is an instructor of history and political science.

"Doc," as he is generally called, is a native of Butler County and a graduate of Greenville High School. He attended the University of Alabama, where he received the B.A. in 1975, the M.A. in 1977, and the Ph.D. in 1985; all three degrees are in history. Although he has been a teacher for most of his career, for two years he was a technical information specialist at the United States Air Force Historical Research Center at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery.

In Andalusia, Daniel serves his community not only in the classroom but also in organizations whose focus is community service. He is faculty advisor to Circle K, a student service organization affiliated with the Kiwanis Club and is president of the Covington Arts Council. At LBW, he is sometimes one of the coaches for the Scholars' Bowl team and at other times Ramses II, Julius Caesar, Oliver Cromwell, Louis XIV, or some other character from the historical period on which he is lecturing. As a three-time recipient of LBW's Most Outstanding Instructor Award, he is always one of the college's most popular teachers.

Southern Union Students Score Above National Average on Assessment Test

Results of an assessment test administered to Southern Union State Community College sophomores has given the college a lot to boast about. In three of four testing components, students scored above the national average, and scores for the fourth component were exactly in line with the national average.

The Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) test, which is administered to college sophomores at educational institutions across the nation, was given to 480 Southern Union students in June. The students were randomly selected from the college's Academic Division enrollment, including those enrolled in both day and evening courses at all three of the college's campuses.

The CAAP is designed to determine the effectiveness of the college's core curriculum (general education courses) and evaluate students' foundational skills in the areas of writing, mathematics, critical thinking, and science reasoning.

Southern Union students scored above the national average in the areas of science reasoning, critical thinking and mathematics. In the writing skills component, Southern Union scores were the same as the national average.

SUSCC Dean of Academics Dr. Rod Britt said of the result, "This is exciting — it says that the product we're producing is better than the national average. I directly attribute this to the quality instructors we have."

Garcia and Lacy Retire From Chattahoochee Valley

After a combined forty-two years of teaching at Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC), Mr. Al Garcia and Dr. Fred Lacy are retiring from full-time teaching. The two will continue to serve the college on a part-time basis, teaching and advising students.

Garcia began teaching at CVCC 21 years ago. He came to Chattahoochee Valley after retiring from the United States Army as an investigator. He has been a criminal justice instructor at the college, but has also taught psychology and sociology when called upon. He holds masters' degrees in criminal justice, sociology and special education.

He plans to work as a part-time instructor with criminal justice majors and in his free time he plans to continue spending quality time with his twelve-year-old daughter, coaching her softball team.

Lacy, a history instructor, began his career with CVCC as a part-time instructor in 1974. In 1977, he became a full-time faculty member, teaching history, geography, current affairs, and orientation classes.

Even though Lacy plans to continue teaching part-time, he also plans to play golf and to travel. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife, three daughters, and three grandchildren.



Left to right, Al Garcia and Fred Lacy

Alabama Southern Student Recognized Nationally



Alison Stabler, a sophomore at Alabama Southern Community College, recently had her poem, *civilization*, published in the 1995 summer edition of Arcadia's American Poetry Anthology. While Ms. Stabler confesses she has been writing and submitting poems since high school, this is the first time one has been published.

According to Ms. Stabler, "I enjoy writing poetry, and I usually compose a new poem every couple of months." Ms. Stabler, who has been a tutor for the College's Student Support Services for two years, plans on continuing her degree in mathematics or English secondary education. When asked how writing poetry fits into her future career plans, Ms. Stabler admits, "I hope to publish more."

Central Alabama Involved in School-to-Work Program

Central Alabama Community College is forging a new link with the Russell Corporation through the company's STAR LINK program. STAR LINK, which refers to Skills Training at Russell LINK, is a school-to-work transition program. Its purpose is to provide an ongoing, structured plan to meet the need for technically skilled employees. The program will provide a means to employ students who have skills and aptitudes in technical vocations, offer an opportunity for technical students, and encourage careers with Russell Corporation.

Students accepted in the program will have their tuition, books and fees paid for each quarter by Russell Corporation. In addition, accepted students will be employed by the company for 20 hours per week during the fall, winter and spring quarters at a rate of \$7 per hour. Students may

work up to 40 hours per week during the summer quarter. Acceptance into the program is based on GPA, faculty recommendations, and a personal interview with company representatives. Qualified students must have an overall 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale prior to entering the program. This average must be maintained in order to continue in the program. Students must also be in the second year of a qualifying two-year degree program or the third quarter of a qualifying certificate program.

The STAR LINK program draws students from three general categories: technical, manufacturing, and office automation. Students who complete their degree or certificate and perform their jobs satisfactorily may be eligible for full-time employment with the Russell Corporation upon their graduation.

Cox Honored as 1995 Outstanding Financial Manager

Al Cox, business manager of Bessemer State Technical College, was selected the 1995 Outstanding Financial Manager by the Alabama College System Financial Management Association. "Mr. Cox was honored for his hard work and dedication to Bessemer Tech and to the Alabama College System," said Will Chapman, president of the group.

Cox began his career at Bessemer State in 1974. He first served as Financial Aid Officer then Evening Coordinator. In 1981, he was promoted to Business Manager and Treasurer of the college. Cox is responsible for financial planning, budgeting, accounting, investment management, equipment purchases, capital improvement projects, physical plant, campus

security, administrative computer support, student financial aid programs, and the cafeteria and bookstore. He supervises approximately 20 employees.

He is a member of the Bessemer Rotary Club and President of the Alabama State Business Managers' Association. At the request of Chancellor Fred Gainous, Cox has served on numerous committees such as the Postsecondary Policy Review Task Force, the Special Assistance Team and the Employee Benefit Committee.

Cox holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Auburn University and a master's degree in Higher Education from the University of Alabama.

Drake Instructor Awarded NASA/MSFC Fellowship

Dr. Mickey Maddox, a technology and math instructor at J. F. Drake State Technical College, has been selected as a Fellow for the 1995 Community College Enrichment Program at the NASA/Marshall Space Flight Center.

The fellowship allowed Maddox to participate in a four-week summer program at Marshall Space Flight Center to enhance his knowledge of math and science utilization in NASA labs, to contribute to the research and analysis objectives at NASA/MSFC, and to continue the development of a survey course in aerospace technology to be taught at local colleges.

Maddox will get a chance to work with MSFC engineers or scientists to develop a survey course in aerospace technology which will be offered at least once during the next year at Drake State. This course will allow students of

technical and non-technical backgrounds to explore the aerospace field and to gain a better understanding of this field.

Fellows were chosen on the basis of their academic background and training, current teaching responsibilities, objectives for the summer, and MSFC laboratory distribution.

Maddox received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alabama and his doctorate in education from Mississippi State University. His many awards include management training from Rutgers University, a graduate of the National Institute for Technology Training, and a grant to study vocational-technical education in Europe.

Whitehead Attends International Honors Institute

Kristi Whitehead of Enterprise, 1995-96 president of the Tau Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Enterprise State Junior College, recently returned from the 28th annual Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute at Chapman University in Orange, California. The conference was a week-long study of the relationship of rights and responsibilities in contemporary society.

"I really had a lot of fun," Whitehead said. "The Institute had good speakers this year and I got to meet many new people involved in Phi Theta Kappa."

Whitehead said that this was her first time visiting California, and she was grateful that she had enough free time during the conference to go sight-seeing. "Along with all the many sights I got to see, I was able to take away a better understanding of our honor study topic: 'Right's, Privileges and Responsibilities: An Indelicate Balance.'"

"The value of the Institute is immeasurable," commented Professor Edward Homewood of Harold Washington College in Chicago. "The exchange of ideas, the exposure to varying viewpoints, the cultural inter-



Dr. Jack Oden ESJC's faculty advisor to the Tau Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, talks with club president Kristie Whitehead about her experiences at the 28th annual Phi Kappa Honors Institute she attended recently in Orange, California.

action between students and faculty from 38 different states, and a myriad of different backgrounds, all combine to make this week an intellectual experience that cannot be matched in a traditional classroom setting."

More than 350 two-year college students and faculty attended Phi Theta Kappa's 28th Honors Institute, which will prepare them to lead and participate in similar honors exercises at their own campuses.

Sparks College Students Attend BACCHUS Workshop

Four Sparks State Technical College students from Barbour County are now trained to influence the attitudes and behaviors of local drivers. The four are members of BACCHUS LEADers, an organization of Sparks College students whose goal is to promote social activities and lifestyles that are free from drug- and alcohol-related problems. BACCHUS LEADers sent the representatives to Decatur, Alabama, for a workshop on conducting safe and sober driving campaigns on college campuses.

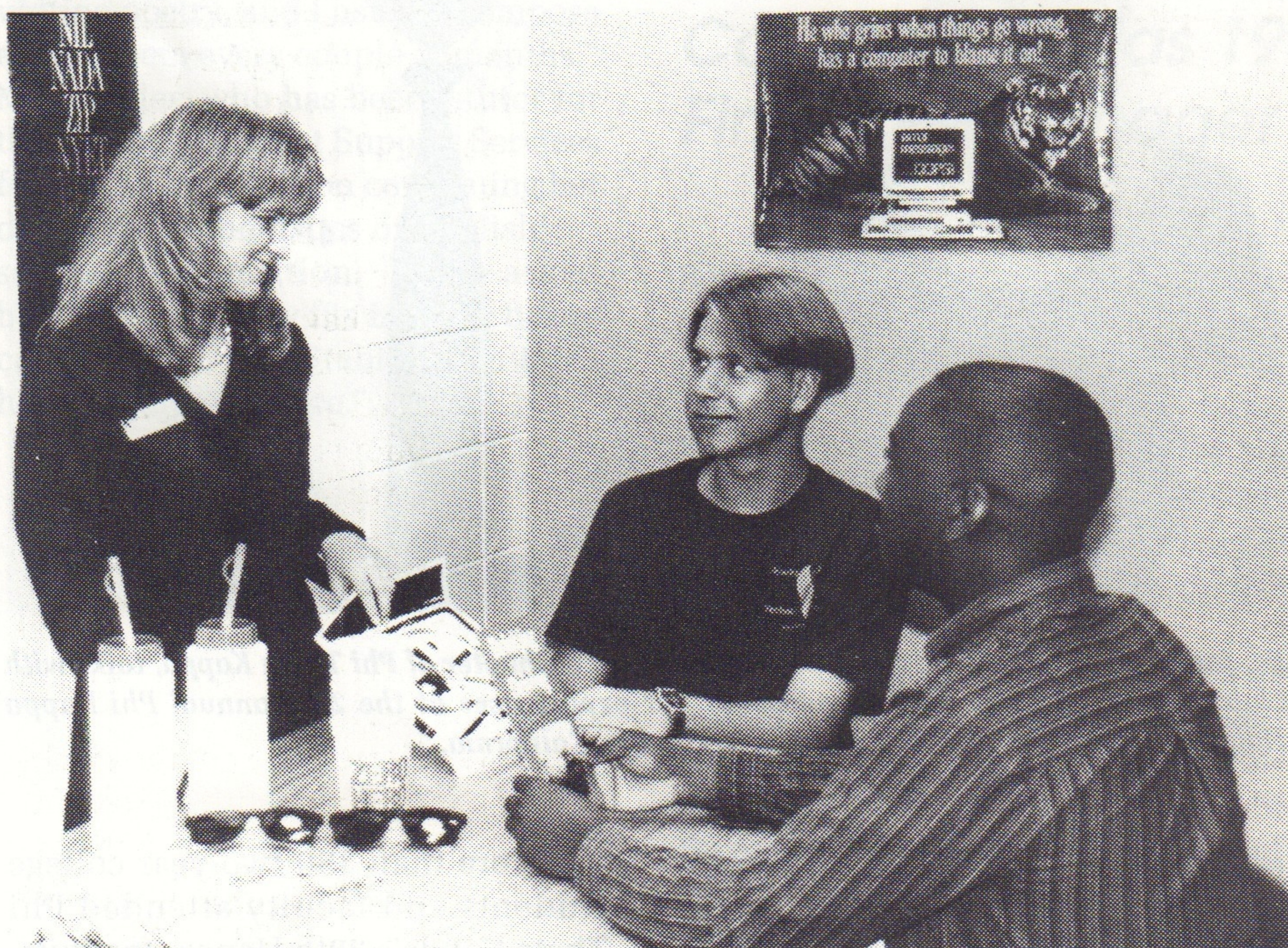
The Spring into Action Highway Safety Symposium was sponsored by Calhoun Community College with a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. From student representatives of three Alabama colleges and other guest speakers, the Barbour County students received a variety of ideas, information, and materials to help them begin an in-depth safe and sober driving

campaign at Sparks College.

Most workshop participants were members of the BACCHUS Peer Education Network, a national organization comprised of chapters at over 700 colleges and universities, designed to support on-campus peer education related to alcohol and other health and safety concerns.

Sparks College's BACCHUS LEADers recently joined the network as a peer education chapter emphasizing the avoidance of alcohol and other drugs. In addition to conducting awareness campaigns and substance-free social activities at Sparks, BACCHUS LEADers will present educational programs to local schools and other members of the community.

BACCHUS LEADers attending the workshop from Sparks College were Sherry Johnson and Westley Whigham, Jr. of Clayton, Seth Guyton of Louisville, and Robert Hodgson of Eufaula.



Several Sparks College students recently attended a BACCHUS LEADers workshop at Calhoun Community College in Decatur, Alabama. The goal of BACCHUS is to promote social activities and lifestyles that are free from drug- and alcohol-related problems. (L-R) Dara Dozier, Project LEAD Coordinator; and Seth Guyton of Louisville and Westley Whigham of Clayton, BACCHUS LEADers, look over materials received at the workshop.

Athens State Student Awarded Scholarship

The Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama recently announced its 1995 recipient of their \$2,000 scholarship. The recipient, Jennifer Arnold of Cullman, is an accounting major at Athens State. Last year's recipient, Dan Blizzard of Athens, was also an Athens State College student.

Athens State professor, Linda Hemingway, stated, "We are pleased that Jennifer received this scholarship as she is a very deserving recipient. Athens State's accounting program is proud to boast of having our students receive this prestigious scholarship two years in a row."

Jennifer Arnold is a resident of Cullman and works for the Cullman County Schools in the accounting department. She works full-time and attends school full-time at night. Jennifer attended Wallace State College prior to enrolling at Athens.

Six Bishop State Instructors Listed in Who's Who

Six instructors at Bishop State Community College are among 66,500 teachers listed in the Third Edition of the 1994 Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Maurice Edward Gandy, an English and creative writing instructor; Sylvia Gilmore, an English instructor; Carol Sue Kyser, a nursing education counselor and psychology instructor; Dorothy Beatrice Reed-Kidd, an accounting instructor; Ruth Deloris Stutts, a biology instructor; and Alalazu Nduka Ugoji, chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences; were teachers selected by one or more former students.

The students themselves were listed in either Who's Who Among American High School Students or The National Dean's List.

Wallace-Hanceville Wins Academic Title

The Wallace State-Hanceville Academic College Bowl team won the Alabama Academic College Bowl League Championship this year. The WSC-Hanceville team successfully competed in eight rounds of preliminary matches to reach the finals. In the final match, Wallace-Hanceville defeated Marion Military Institute for the state championship.

Team member Jason Sims of Cullman won a place on the All-Star Team. This team is made up of the players who answered the most questions.

The WSC-Hanceville college bowl team is coached by Joan Sparks, a counselor with the Wallace-Hanceville Talent Search program. WSC-Hanceville usually competes in both the Northern District and Southern District to win a chance to compete for the championship.

Wallace State-Hanceville President Dr. James C. Bailey appreciates the hard work and effort put forth by Sparks and her team. He believes the team's success emphasizes WSC-Hanceville's commitment to academic excellence.



PLEASE NOTE THE NEW PHONE NUMBERS AT WSC-HANCEVILLE

(205) 352-8000	Main Number
352-8128	Admissions
352-8182	Financial Aid
352-8141	Cashier
352-8169	Bookstore
352-8138	Public Relations

Also, the college has a new zip code: 35077-2000 rather than 35077-9080

Northeast Alabama State Receives AHF Grant

The Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) has awarded Northeast Alabama State Community College a major grant to fund an exhibit featuring photographs made in Alabama by some of America's most renowned photographers. The exhibit, "Reflections," will display the works of Farm Security Administration (FSA) and Office of War Information (OWI) photographs made in Alabama from 1935 through 1943. These photographers include Dorothea Lange, Arthur Rothstein, Walker Evans, John Vachon, Marion Post Wolcott, and Jack Delano.

The exhibit will open at the Alabama State Department of Archives and History (ADAH) in Montgomery on October 28. The ADAH is a co-sponsor of the exhibit and will host an opening reception and panel discussion for the exhibit. The exhibit will be displayed at the ADAH through January 1996, and after being displayed at Northeast State, will be shown at various other locations throughout the state.

Dr. David Campbell, chair of the Arts and Humanities Division at

Northeast and exhibit project director, stated, "The exhibit photographs are a remarkable record of Alabama and its people during a very turbulent era. As much as anything, I believe that they capture the spirit of our state's people, whether it was in dealing with the hardships of the Depression or supporting the American effort in World War II."

The exhibit photographs were obtained from the U.S. Library of Congress in Washington. The Library of Congress is the repository for the FSA/OWI photographs, which were made throughout the United States. The "Reflections" exhibit includes such scenes as farmers working in the state's cotton fields, workers leaving underground coal mines near Birmingham, a mule auction barn in Montgomery, a ferry boat near Camden, soldiers at Phenix City, shipyards at Decatur, an ex-slave, Dr. George Washington Carver at Tuskegee, and street scenes from Gadsden, Mobile, Florence, and Childersburg. "The really difficult part was narrowing down the photographs for the exhibit," Camp-

bell stated. "I did try to concentrate on selecting photographs with an artistic quality to them, while at the same time choosing images that reflect the state's history and people."

The exhibit also will feature music recorded by the Library of Congress in Alabama during this era and will display copies of letters that the photographers composed to their director, Roy Stryker, as they worked in Alabama. Panel discussion participants will include Dr. Campbell; Ms. Frances Robb, and independent scholar and former director of the Huntsville Museum of Art; art historian Dr. Karen Henricks of Jacksonville State University; and Dr. Michael Thomason of the University of South Alabama, director of University Archives.

The funding sponsor of the exhibit, the Alabama Humanities Foundation, is a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The AHF has its headquarters in Birmingham and provides support for various humanities projects and programs throughout Alabama.

Bishop State Offers Funeral Service Education

Deciding on a career can be difficult. One industry, however, often gets buried in the process — the funeral service business.

Many people view the funeral service business as an undesirable profession, says William Thompson, instructor of the Funeral Service Program at Bishop State Community College. But before abandoning the idea, Thompson says career seekers should consider this: the national average for entry-level positions is \$27,000 a year, according to the National Funeral Directors Association.

As the only institution of higher learning in south Alabama that offers academic courses for future embalmers and funeral directors, Bishop State Community College has a reputation

for having one of the best programs in the state, said Thompson. It is accredited by The American Board of Funeral Service Education.

The Bishop State Funeral Service Program assists graduates with job placement, said Thompson. He said that about 78 percent of the program's graduates in the last four years are now employed.

Thompson said that the College's funeral service curriculum provides embalming experience under academic supervision. Graduates are eligible to take the Conference of Funeral Service National Board Examination. Students completing the two-year program earn an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Southern Union Student One of Five in Nation Selected for Internship

Southern Union State Community College student Janice Brown is one of five students in the nation who spent part of the summer on an internship with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Five members of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society were selected for internships with the Department of Education through a new program open to students nominated for the All-USA Two-Year College Academic Team.

The internship program gives preference to students planning careers in education, political science, and public service. Janice, a resident of LaGrange, Georgia, is pursuing a degree in early childhood education.

"Interns were closely involved with substantive projects, participated in top-level briefings and interacted with national policy makers," said Dr. Betty Duvall, community college liaison with the Department of Edu-

cation.

In addition, the interns were exposed to the actual workings of government by attending congressional hearings; touring the White House and other federal agencies; and attending briefings, lectures, and conferences on Capitol Hill and in Washington.

"This is one of the most important developments in the history of Phi Theta Kappa, and something we have sought for a long time," commented Society executive director Rod A. Risley.

He continued, "We can provide an opportunity for our students to live and work in one of the most educational and exciting locales in the nation, Washington, D.C. In turn, our members have much to contribute to the workings of government, as many of them are taxpayers and citizen activists as well as students."

WSC-Hanceville Student Wins Championship

Matthew Oden, a student at Wallace State College-Hanceville, recently won the VICA national championship in workcell robotics. The competition was held in Kansas City, Mo. Oden is an electronics major at Wallace-Hanceville, pursuing an Associate in Applied Science degree.

Oden is a graduate of Brewer High School who has always had electronics as a hobby. When he began to look at his career options, he decided to make his hobby his chosen occupation. Oden is currently putting his robotics skills to work in his new job with Louisiana-Pacific in Hanceville. The plant makes high-tech marine grade commercial decking from wood chips. Much of the process is controlled with robotics.

SSTC Wins in State Competition

Several of Sparks State Technical College's students recently participated in the state Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) competition. Winners included Stephen Greene from Eufala, third place in Welding; Allison Eubanks, a Cosmetology student from Edison, Georgia, second place in the Job Interview Competition; John Alexander Free from Phenix City, first place in Masonry; and Kenneth Birmingham from Clayton, third place in Masonry. John Free went to national competition in Kansas City, Missouri, where he placed 8th.

Jefferson Davis Conducts Summer Enrichment Program

Jefferson Davis Community College's Summer Enrichment Scholarship Program is a unique opportunity for excelling high school juniors and seniors to experience college life for the summer. To qualify for the program, a student must be recommended by his or her high school counselor and principal and have maintained a "B" or higher grade point average.

"Our Summer Enrichment Program provides outstanding area high school students the opportunity to get a head start on their college career while enjoying the social atmosphere that Jefferson Davis has to offer," says JDCC President Sandra McLeod. "Not only have these students received a scholarship for the summer quarter, but they will also be eligible to com-

pete for a one-year, full tuition scholarship to Jefferson Davis upon graduation."

According to Dr. McLeod, there are many academic, social and scholarship opportunities available to program participants. In addition to classroom experiences, the students participate in a weekly, two-credit Orientation class, which covers subjects such as critical thinking, learning strategies, memory development, note-taking skills, paper writing, career planning and goal setting. The main focus of Orientation class is to familiarize students with college life and how to make the necessary adjustments when making the transition from high school to college.



Summer Enrichment students enjoy barbecue at Lakeview student housing complex.

Economic Development in Alabama's Aviation Industry

An Indonesian aircraft manufacturer selected Mobile as the site for a new high-speed commercial aircraft assembly facility. Mobile competed with 27 other cities for the business. The announcement was made in June at the Paris Air Show. The facility will employ 500 or more people at the Brookley Industrial Park, which is very close to Alabama Aviation and Technical College's (AATC) Off-Campus Center in Mobile. "We're delighted with the news. We've seen a tremendous increase in requests for information about aviation training since the announcement," stated Dr. Shirley Woodie, AATC President.

"AATC offers the aviation industry the advantage of a pool of trained technicians," said Woodie. "Being able to attract aviation companies to Alabama is critical to the state's economic development—new industries help Alabama raise per capita income levels and increase the state's tax base. And, attracting new aviation companies is important for AATC since our graduates, for the most part, would like to continue to live and work in Alabama after they train with us. This is a win-win situation."

Chattahoochee Valley Student Wins State Art Show

Deborah Richter, Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC) student, was named overall winner in the student art division of the 1995 Chancellor's Exhibition. Richter also received a ribbon as regional winner in Dothan. Her painting "Into the Light" will be on display in the Chancellor's Office.

Cathy Ledbetter, CVCC instructor, was presented a ribbon in the instructor division in regional competition in Dothan. Her work was a pastel entitled "Forest Edge."

Snead State Instructor Receives Statewide Acclaim

Jimmy Trotter, art instructor at Snead State Community College, won "Best of Show" during the second annual Chancellor's Exhibition for his piece, *"Alice in Wonderland - Rush Portrait."*

To be accepted to the Chancellor's Exhibition, works from students and faculty members first had to be submitted to the Department of Postsecondary Education for acceptance to one of the five regional exhibitions. Winners in the categories of paintings, photography, sculpture, and drawings and prints were selected from each region. Regional winners went on to the statewide exhibition to compete for the "Best of Show" among student entries and faculty entries.

Trotter had three works accepted to the regional exhibition. Of the three, *"Alice in Wonderland - Rush Portrait"* was chosen to represent North

Alabama at the statewide exhibition.

Trotter's portrait received the praise of the judges and of those in attendance at the opening reception for the exhibition. "It humbled me to judge his work," said Bill Ford, Jr., art director for WSFA-TV in Montgomery and a third generation artist.

Trotter, who is best known for his fairy tale series, received his undergraduate degree in art education from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He will complete his master's degree in art education this year. In addition to teaching at Snead State, he also paints portraits and fairy tales on commission. He has received numerous other awards, including the Bluff Park People's Choice Award in 1994, "Best of Show" in Anniston in 1994, "Best of Show" in *Art on the Lake* in 1993, and "Best of Show" in Scottsboro in 1990.

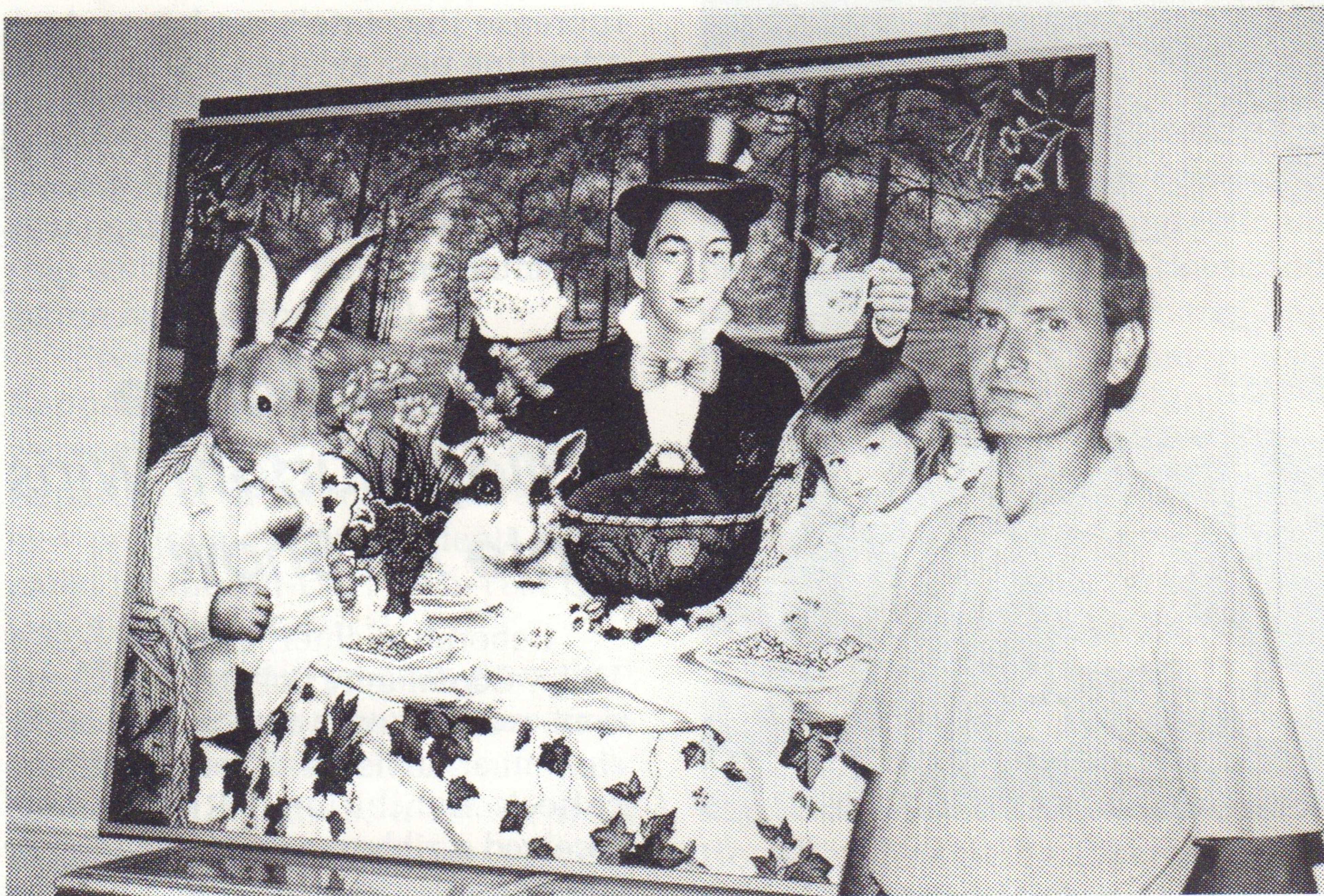
Jefferson State Prepares to Teach in High Schools

Alabama's Board of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) have approved a request from Jefferson State Community College recently that it be allowed to begin teaching classes in four county high schools.

Jefferson State instructors will begin teaching college-level liberal arts classes early next winter at Gardendale, Leeds, Minor and Shades Valley high schools. Seniors who have completed their required course work for graduation will be eligible to enroll in the college courses.

"We think it's great to give students more flexibility and the option to start earning college credit and still be at their home base, instead of having to go to a college campus," said Leeds High School Principal Anna Vacca.

Additional benefits of the program include no cost to the state and the courses offered are easily transferable to any Alabama two-year or four-year college or university.



Snead State Community College art instructor, Jimmy Trotter, won "Best of Show" at the second annual Chancellor's Exhibition for his piece, *"Alice in Wonderland - Rush Portrait."*

Shelton State's New Campus Using Innovative Construction Procedure

As Shelton State Community College progresses on the construction of its new campus, an innovative construction method known as "tilt-up construction" is being introduced.

The type of construction used in these panels is unique to Alabama. This method of construction is popular with corporations on the West Coast because it enables these corporations to construct large buildings at a reasonable cost. This type of construction is now being introduced to large projects in Alabama.

According to one of the architects, John Fischer, vice president of David Volkert & Associates, Inc. of Mobile, the tilt-up walls are "the most exciting thing about the construction." Over 100 of the 40-ton panels are now in place.

"From the information available, Shelton State is the first college to use 'tilt-up' construction and only the second educational institution to use the procedure in this country. There is a high school in the United States that has also used 'tilt-up' walls," Fischer said.

The first panel was erected August 23 and was dedicated to the memory of H. I. James, the first president of



The first wall of the tilt-up construction used in building Shelton State's new campus was raised into place April 23, 1995.

Shelton State Technical College, and in honor of former State Board of Education member Victor Poole, and current board members Sandra Ray and Ethel Hall.

Bishop State Hosts Workshop For Counselors

The Business Division of Bishop State Community College was the host of a recent workshop held for training guidance counselors of the Mobile County Public School System on the use of the computer software "ExPan."

More than 60 counselors and their staffs participated in the day-long workshop in May, which was conducted by The College Board, a non-profit educational organization.

The collaborative effort between Bishop State, The College Board, and the Mobile County Public School System provided hands-on computer exercises for the counselors. The exercises resulted in an effective working knowledge of the software and its advantages as a guidance tool, said Glenco Hamilton, chairperson of Bishop State's Business Division.

Dr. Larry Matthews, associate director of Admissions and Guidance Services for The College Board, described Bishop State's Office Administration Laboratory as the "finest facility we have used." He said The College Board has conducted training around the Southern region. "Bishop State can be justifiably proud of its excellent facility," Matthews said.

Bevill State Publishes Student Orientation Handbook

Bevill State Community College has a new textbook to offer students. This text covers the materials of orientation and takes it a step further.

In conjunction with the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, Bevill State has published its Student Orientation Handbook. The book is used by the college's students as they go through the orientation course.

Devin Stephenson, dean of students at Bevill State, said that the school is very proud of its publication.

"This is a unique publication of which we are very excited," said Stephenson. "We felt like the new students needed to hear more than just about the policies and procedures at the college. We fashioned this orientation book to get the students to think about who they are and to target in on a number of student-related areas."

A wide contingent of faculty and staff at Bevill State contributed to the contents of the publication. Included in the book is a section on the poli-

cies and procedures of the college, along with sections such as self-management, sex-role management and stereotyping, psychological types, drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS, and Americans with Disabilities Act.

"I think the key here is that the staff at Bevill State are trying to promote a student-centered environment for student success philosophy," Stephenson said. "This book was created to help our students become successful."

Drake State Receives Public Relations Awards

Drake State Technical College received six public relations awards at the Alabama College System Public Relations Association's (ACSPRA) Fourth Annual Pyramid Awards. The awards program, held in conjunction with ACSPRA's summer conference, recognizes excellence in communications programs within the state's two-year colleges.

Drake State received the Best of Show in the Print Division for its print advertising in the *1995 Black Arts Festival Souvenir* booklet; first place Pyramid Awards in the Poster Category for its institutional calendar and in the Print Advertising-Single Ad Category; second place Award of Achievements in the Print Advertising-Single Ad Category and in the News Feature Category for the article, "Educating the Technicians of Tomorrow;" and a third place Award of Merit in the News Feature Category for the article, "Working Women."

Vickye T. Hester, Drake's public relations and placement director, accepted the awards on behalf of the college.

Wallace College-Dothan Renames Theatre

Wallace College-Dothan renamed its theatre in memory of Miklos Bencze, former operatic basso and artist-in-residence at the college, and in honor of his wife, Ilona Bencze during a ceremony and inaugural concert on July 19. Mr. Bencze taught voice for 16 years at Wallace College. Six of his former students performed during the concert, demonstrating why the Hungarian-born basso was a tremendous teacher as well as talent. Long-time friend of the college, Mrs. Bencze has established a voice scholarship and dedicated a bench in the college's courtyard in her husband's memory.

Pictured here are (l to r) Dr. Larry Beaty, president of Wallace College; Mrs. Ilona Bencze of Dothan and Budapest, Hungary; Dr. Kay Roney, director of development; and Mr. Dick Bell, chairperson of the Wallace College Foundation.



Lawson State's RN Program Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Lawson State Community College's Department of Health Professionals recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its Registered Nurse program. The first class was admitted in September 1970. The goal of the Department is to raise \$100,000 to establish scholarships for students in the Registered Nurse program. Funds

will be raised through events, pledges, and donations from alumni and friends of the college.

The first fund raising event will be a continuing education program banquet on October 13, 1995. Dr. M. Elizabeth Carnegie will be the keynote speaker for the continuing education program and the banquet. Dr.

Carnegie, editor emerita for the journal *NURSING RESEARCH*, has authored three books: *Disadvantaged Students in RN Programs*, *Historical Perspectives of Nursing Research*, and *The Paths We Tread: Blacks in Nursing 1854-1990*.

Snead Administrator Speaks at National Conference

"Assessment is a must to verify the quality of a product or service," states Dr. Elizabeth Cooper, director of institutional research at Snead State Community College.

Dr. Cooper was one of the presenters at the 10th Annual American Association of Higher Education (AAHE) National Conference on Assessment and Quality. Along with Dr. Richard Brauhn of Dickinson State University, Dr. Cooper discussed how test results can be used to improve student success.

"In order to improve programs and services at Snead State, outcomes data is studied in relation to other assessment measures," says Dr. Cooper. "Entry and exit test scores are compared to determine student achievement in mathematics and writing."

According to Dr. Cooper, this information is compared to similar data from two-year colleges across the nation. These findings are shared with Snead faculty and administrators in order to improve curriculum and services.

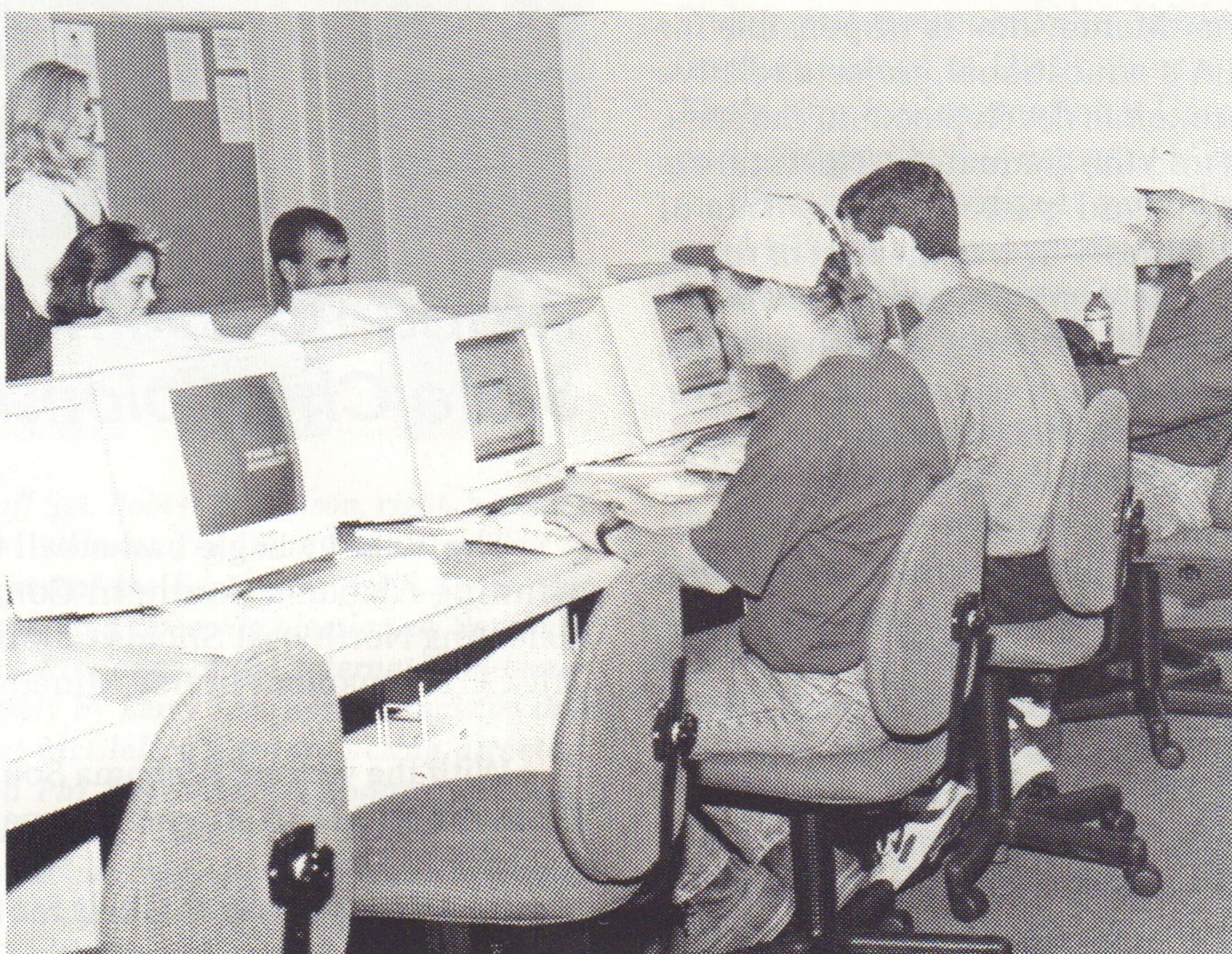


DR. ELIZABETH COOPER

LBW Now "On-Line"

Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College is now "on-line." LBW College is now part of the Internet and the Alabama Supercomputer Network (ASN). With LBW's link-up with ASN, students and instructors will now have access to one of the world's most advanced computers, the Cray Computer in Huntsville.

Wayne Whitmore of the Alabama Supercomputing Authority in Huntsville and Sharon Carruth of Nichols Research Center in Huntsville conducted an instructional session for instructors at the college. According to Carruth, an instructor can "talk" to instructors on other campuses as close as Troy, or on the other side of the world. Students will now be able to "surf the net" for information needed for research papers and class projects.



PTK Honors Central Alabama's Cornell

Omicron Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa honored Dr. James H. Cornell for his support of the organization at the honorary fraternity's initiation ceremonies held last spring.

Cornell has been recognized throughout the year for his extensive efforts in helping the Central Alabama Community College Phi Theta Kappa chapter reach its goals.

Nominated by chapter advisors Linda McGuirt and Hattie Nunnery, Cornell received the prestigious Dr. Shirley B. Gordon award at the Phi Theta International Convention, held last spring in Chicago. One of only 10 presidents nationwide receiving the award, Cornell earned the honor for his role in spearheading the USA TODAY All-American Team for the state of Alabama.

"Dr. Cornell has shown unfailing support to Phi Theta Kappa at the local, regional and national level," said McGuirt. "The leadership he took in developing the All-Academic team for our state was outstanding."

Sara Dennis Addresses GSCC 1995 Class

The Education and Community Development Manager of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, Sara Dennis, delivered the commencement address to the 1995 graduating class of Gadsden State Community College.

Dennis, a graduate of the University of Montevallo, is responsible for EDPA's educational projects relative to economic development in the state. She told the graduates, "The future is today," and quoted from *A Tale of Two Cities*—"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Dennis said she did not think there had ever before been a more exciting time to live. While at the same time society has so many problems, she said.

EDPA is a non-profit consortium of Alabama companies that work together to enable the state to better compete for quality economic development. In the last several years, the consortium has selected colleges to be named the state's Centers for Technical Excellence and Gadsden State with The Bevill Center was one of the first to be chosen. Dennis also serves as a commissioner for the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Alabama Southern's Eagles Claim State Championship

The 1994-95 Eagle basketball team made college history this past March by winning Alabama Southern Community College's first state championship, defeating Northwest Shoals Community College 111-97 in the title game of the AJCCC tournament in Bay Minette.

With the victory, Alabama Southern also earned the right to represent Region 22 in the NJCAA National Tournament held each year in Hutchinson, Kansas.

En route to the state finals for the third time in five years, ASCC first defeated Wallace College of Hanceville, 78-73, then upset top-ranked Southern Union, 70-67. Both games were uncharacteristic for the normally high scoring Eagles, who led the state at over 96 points per game.

ASCC did not fare quite so well in Hutchinson, losing to Aquinas College of Tennessee, 101-92, and to Trinity Valley (Texas), 92-90, in the double elimination tournament. "I was very proud of our guys," said Jenkins, who was named the Southern Division Coach of the Year. "We certainly competed, even though we lost to two very good teams."

And how about the Eagles' chances of repeating? "I'd just as soon not think about that right now. I just want to enjoy being state champions," said Jenkins, who added that some of his best players are returning and that recruiting has been encouraging. "It's always more difficult to repeat than to win a championship in the first place," remarked Jenkins. "It's going to be interesting to see what happens. I hope the fans will be there to watch."

Students Reap Benefits through BBBD Program

Lawson State Community College and Talladega College were awarded extramural funding through the National Institute of Health in the amount of \$280,000. The program, a joint project between the Division of Sciences and Mathematics at Talladega College and the Department of Natural Sciences at Lawson State, is designed to increase the number of minorities earning doctorate degrees (Ph.D.'s) in the biomedical sciences. It is the largest of its kind in the state and has been cited as a national model.

The grant will support a Biomedical Bridge to the Baccalaureate Degree program. Students will spend two years at Lawson state and transfer to Talladega College to receive a Bachelor of Science degree. Students will spend the summer conducting "state of the art" research at some of the national premier universities and research laboratories.

Students of the Biomedical Bridge to Baccalaureate Degree (BBBD) program have been exposed to many fruitful opportunities lately. As part of "Directed Studies," several distinguished scholars are visiting campus as lecturers and presenting valuable information on present scientific and medical research projects.

Dr. Arthur Bacon, dean of Science and Mathematics at Talladega is Project Director, and Dr. Grace McWhorter, chairperson of the Lawson State Department of Natural Sciences, serves as Director for Lawson.

Seven science students have been awarded full scholarships at attend Talladega College this fall.

Gadsden State Captures International Phi Theta Kappa Honors

Sergeant Robert Watson, Fort McClellan and Anniston Center student of Gadsden State Community College, was elected Vice President for the Southern Region and won a \$1000 scholarship at the 1995 International Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Chicago.



Staff Sgt. Robert L. Watson, right, becomes first Alabama Phi Theta Kappa member to represent the Southern Region. He is congratulated upon his election as Southern Vice President of the International honor society by Larry Lee, former Anniston and Fort McClellan Centers acting director, and Phi Theta Kappa sponsor, Luanne Kilbourne, Anniston Center English instructor. Photo by Spc. Donna L. Chase, Fort McClellan Public Affairs Office.

go. Watson is the first Alabama Phi Theta Kappa member to win an international office in the history of Alabama colleges' participation in PTK.

Sgt. Watson is a military police instructor, Company A 701st M.P. Battalion, Fort McClellan. He is a general studies major and has been a PTK member at the Anniston Center for two years.

Gadsden State President Victor B. Ficker was presented the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction at Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention. Judging in this category is based on outstanding support provided to local PTK chapters by college administrators. Dr. Ficker was one of 10 U.S. college presidents to receive this award.

Under his guidance, the Anniston Center was granted a charter for Gadsden State's second chapter this year—the Beta Beta Eta chapter. Earlier this year, Anniston members successfully hosted the Regional Convention in Oxford and captured a number of regional honors. Dr. Ficker was named Regional Administrator of the Year, and Luanne Kilbourne, adviser, received the Horizon Award.

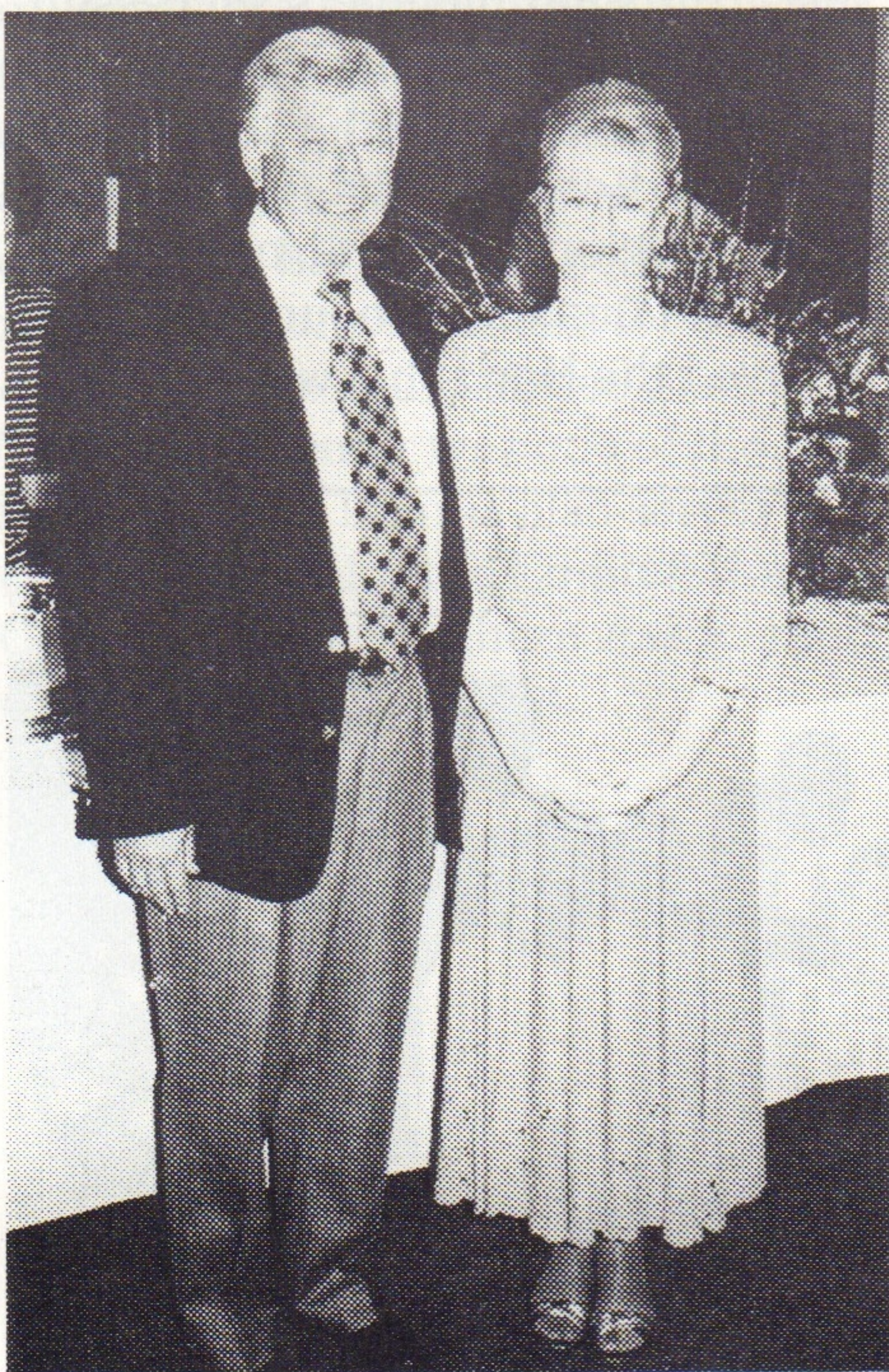


Snead State's Roberts Retires

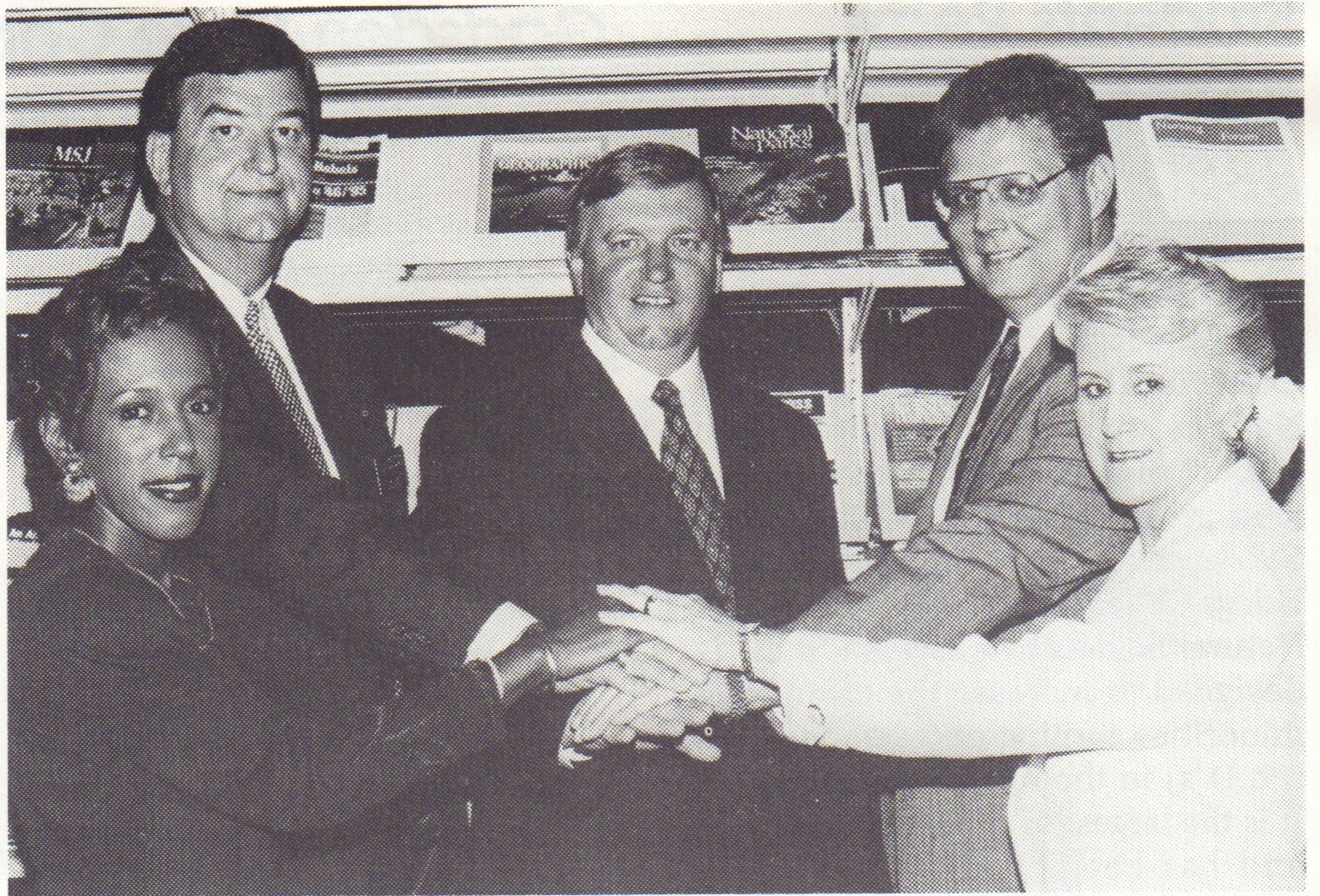
Dr. Janice Roberts retired from Snead State Community College after 27 years. During her tenure at Snead, she taught every mathematics course offered at the college.

Dr. Roberts graduated from Cullman High School in 1961. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Jacksonville State University. After teaching at Gadsden High School from 1964 through 1966, she returned to Jacksonville to pursue her master's degree in mathematics.

In 1980, Roberts completed her doctorate in education from the University of Alabama. In addition to teaching full-time at Snead and working on her doctorate, Dr. Roberts published two math textbooks and 21 computer programs.



Snead State President Dr. William Osborn with Dr. Roberts



Gadsden State 1995 Outstanding Alumni

1995 Outstanding Alumni Awards are presented at the Second Annual Gadsden State Community College Alumni Association banquet to Beverly Hackett, Jobs Training Partnership Act program coordinator, Cherokee County Area Vocational Center, left, and Dan Wadsworth, Bennett & Wadsworth, P.C., certified public accountants, Anniston, second from right. Also pictured are board of directors members Charlotte Campbell, Gadsden City Schools, right; Randy Jones, Nationwide Insurance, Albertville, Alumni Association president, center; and Etowah County probate judge Bobby Junkins, second from left.

New Library to Serve Shelby County and Jefferson State

Jefferson State and the North Shelby Library Association are joining efforts to bring a new state-of-the-art library to Shelby County.

The new library is coming about because of the needs of both parties involved. For Jefferson State, the need arises because of the growing student enrollment at the Valleydale Road site. As the enrollment continues to grow, the need to upgrade services will become even greater.

"The opportunity to serve our students and faculty with the comprehensive library services of an outstanding public library is innovative and quite unique," said Jefferson State President Judy Merritt. "This is a superb example of cooperation between public institutions efficiently using the taxpayers dollars."

"The joint library project between JSCC and the North Shelby Library Association will be beneficial to both the students and faculty of the college and community residents of the area served by the library," said Merritt. "Joint, cooperative efforts such as this provide the avenue for increasing service, and, at the same time, reducing costs. This approach will likely become a model for other college/community partnerships."

Jefferson Davis Student Receives Co-Op of the Year Award

Lillie Beste of Brewton, a nursing instructor at Jefferson Davis Community College (JDCC), received the 1994-95 Alabama College Co-op and Placement Association (ACCPA) Co-op of the Year Award. Lillie was selected to work as a co-op student in Dr. Marsha Raulerson's pediatric office in Brewton in August 1994.

Sharon Brooks, director of Cooperative Education at JDCC, says that Lillie is "extremely bright, articulate, compassionate and committed to achieving her goals as a student...and as an employee at Dr. Marsha Raulerson's office."

Lillie is a scholarship student and has maintained her standing on the President's List while being enrolled as a nursing student at JDCC. She also holds membership in the National Nurse's Association and Asthma Mother's Club. According to Ms. Brooks, "Lillie, who is a wife and mother, has a love for the field of nursing which has been made obvious through the amount of time and effort she is willing to devote toward preparing to become a nurse."



Enterprise State Junior College President Stafford L. Thompson presented certificates to art students with projects selected for the Southeastern Region's Annual Chancellor's Art Exhibit. Receiving certificates are Lois Breads and Drew McDuffie from Enterprise. The art exhibit was hosted by SouthTrust Bank of Dothan.

Bevill State Hosts High School Competition

Bevill State Community College hosted more than 1,000 high school students this spring for the inaugural Torch Invitational Academic Tournaments.

The tournaments, which were conducted on all three of the Bevill State campuses, consisted of educational competitions in both academic and applied technology contests.

Bevill State Dean of Students, Devin Stephenson, said that the inaugural event exceeded initial expectations and will become an annual event for the high school students in the college service area.

"We could not have been more pleased with the way the Torch Invitationals were received by the high school students and teachers," he said. "We heard nothing but positive remarks about the competition."

The Torch Invitationals go beyond the traditional academic competition. Rather than focusing primarily on academic knowledge, the Torch Invitationals expanded the competitions to include skills in applied technology programs and areas of the humanities.

High school students were allowed to compete both in individual and team categories. Winners of the competition were provided with scholarship opportunities to attend Bevill State.